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Allocation of items to the Third Committee

Letter dated 17 September 2004 addressed to the Chairman of the Third Committee by the President of the General Assembly

I have the honour to transmit to you herewith the decision taken by the fifty-ninth session of the General Assembly at its 2nd plenary meeting today, pertaining to the allocation of items to the Third Committee (see annex).

I wish to draw your attention to the recommendations on the organization of work contained in section II of the report of the General Committee (A/59/250). Those recommendations were also approved by the General Assembly at its 2nd plenary meeting.

May I also draw your attention to the relevant parts of sections IV and V of the report concerning the agenda of the Main Committees.

I know I can rely on your cooperation in these matters.

(*Signed*) Jean **Ping**

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Annex

Allocation of items to the Third Committee

A. Maintenance of international peace and security

1. Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, questions relating to refugees, returnees and displaced persons and humanitarian questions [100].

B. Promotion of sustained economic growth and sustainable development in accordance with the resolutions of the General Assembly and recent United Nations conferences

2. Implementation of the outcome of the World Summit for Social Development and of the twenty-fourth special session of the General Assembly [93].

3. Social development, including questions relating to the world social situation and to youth, ageing, disabled persons and the family [94].

   [In its resolution 57/164 of 18 December 2002, the General Assembly decided to devote one plenary meeting at its fifty-ninth session in 2004 to the observance of the tenth anniversary of the International Year of the Family, building upon the events to be held on 15 May 2004 on the occasion of the International Day of Families.]

   (a) Social development, including questions relating to the world social situation and to youth, ageing, disabled persons and the family;

   (b) United Nations Literacy Decade: education for all.

4. Follow-up to the International Year of Older Persons: Second World Assembly on Ageing [95].

5. Advancement of Women [98].

   [The General Assembly decided that the report of the Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme on the operations, management and budget of the United Nations Development Fund for Women should be allocated to the Second Committee for consideration under agenda item 90 (Operational activities for development).]

6. Implementation of the outcome of the Fourth World Conference on Women of the twenty-third special session of the General Assembly, entitled "Women 2000: gender equality, development and peace for the twenty-first century" [99].

D. Promotion of human rights

7. Promotion and protection of the rights of children [101].

8. Programme of activities for the International Decade of the World's Indigenous People, 1995-2004 [102].

9. Elimination of racism and racial discrimination [103]:

   (a) Elimination of racism and racial discrimination;

   (b) Comprehensive implementation of and follow-up to the Durban Declaration and Programme of Action.

10. Right of peoples to self-determination [104].

11. Human rights questions [105]:

   (a) Implementation of human rights instruments;

   (b) Human rights questions, including alternative approaches for improving the effective enjoyment of human rights and fundamental freedoms;

   [In its resolution 58/181 of 22 December 2003, the General Assembly decided to dedicate a plenary meeting during the fifty-ninth session on the occasion of Human Rights Day, 10 December 2004, structured as an interactive dialogue to review the achievements of the United Nations Decade for Human Rights Education, 1995-2004, and to discuss possible future activities for the enhancement of human rights education.]

   (c) Human rights situations and reports of special rapporteurs and representatives;

   (d) Comprehensive implementation of and follow-up to the Vienna Declaration and Programme of Action;

   (e) Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights.

H. Drug control, crime prevention and combating international terrorism in all its forms and manifestations

12. Crime prevention and criminal justice [96].

13. International drug control [97].

I. Organizational, administrative and other matters

14. Election of officers of the Main Committees [5].